

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A circuit breaker switch comprising:
2 a rocker that is positionable between a first on position, and a second off position;
3 an actuator element that is coupled to the rocker such that it causes a first electrically
4 conductive contact portion to move into contact with a second electrically conductive contact
5 portion when said rocker is in the on position; and
6 a dielectric separator element that is urged between the first and second electrically
7 conductive contact portions in the event of excess current being passed between the first and
8 second electrically conductive contact portions at least in part, by a bimetallic element that urges
9 the second electrically conductive contact portion to move away from the first electrically
10 conductive contact portion.
- 1 2. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said switch further
2 comprises a trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that said trip
3 indicator provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in the
4 event of excess current being passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact
5 portions.
- 1 3. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 2, wherein said switch may be
2 reset by depressing said trip indicator.
- 1 4. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said actuator element
2 causes the first electrically conductive contact portion to move into contact with the second
3 electrically conductive portion by being forced between the first electrically conductive contact
4 portion and an inner wall of a switch housing.

1 5. canceled herein

1 6. (original) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 1, wherein said dielectric separator
2 element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions, at least in
3 part, by a bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the second electrically
4 conductive contact portion.

1 7. (original) A circuit breaker switch comprising:
2 a rocker that is positionable between a first off position, and a second on position;
3 an actuator element that is coupled to the rocker such that it causes a first electrically
4 conductive contact portion to move in a first direction into contact with a second electrically
5 conductive contact portion when said rocker is in the on position, said second electrically
6 conductive contact portion being mounted on a bimetallic element and said second electrically
7 conductive portion being movable away from said first electrically conductive portion in said
8 first direction in the event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic element; and
9 a dielectric separator element that is urged between the first and second electrically
10 conductive contact portions in the event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic
11 element.

1 8. (original) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said switch further
2 comprises a trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that said trip
3 indicator provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in the
4 event of excess current being passed through said bimetallic element.

1 9. (previously amended) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said
2 dielectric separator element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact

3 portions, at least in part, by a bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the
4 second electrically conductive contact portion.

1 10. (original) A method of using a circuit breaker switch, said method comprising the steps
2 of:

3 positioning a rocker to a first on position, causing a first electrically conductive portion to
4 move in a first direction into contact with a second electrically conductive portion;

5 overcharging said switch causing said second electrically conductive portion to move
6 away from said first electrically conductive portion in said first direction;

7 providing a dielectric insulator element to be positioned between said first and second
8 electrically conductive portions; and

9 providing a visual indication that the circuit breaker switch has been tripped.

1 11. (previously added) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said switch
2 further comprises a trip indicator that is coupled to said dielectric separator element such that
3 said trip indicator provides a visual indication that said dielectric separator element has moved in
4 the event of excess current being passed between the first and second electrically conductive
5 contact portions.

1 12. (previously added) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 11, wherein said switch
2 may be reset by depressing said trip indicator.

1 13. (previously added) The circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said
2 actuator element causes the first electrically conductive contact portion to move into contact with
3 the second electrically conductive portion by being forced between the first electrically
4 conductive contact portion and an inner wall of a switch housing.

1 14. (previously added) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said dielectric
2 separator element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions,
3 at least in part, by said bimetallic element which urges the second electrically conductive contact
4 portion to move away from the first electrically conductive contact portion in the event of excess
5 current being passed between the first and second electrically conductive contact portions.

1 15. (previously added) A circuit breaker switch as claimed in claim 7, wherein said
2 dielectric separator element is urged between the first and second electrically conductive contact
3 portions, at least in part, by a bias spring that urges said dielectric separator element against the
4 second electrically conductive contact portion.